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SUBJ: MOTOR VEHICLE DOMESTIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS

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1. THE MOTOR VEHICLE INDUSTRY IN IRELAND IS AN ASSEMBLY OPERATION OF AGGREGATES IMPORTED UNDER SPECIFIC KNOCKED-DOWN CONDITIONS AND AT SPECIAL RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY (12.5 PERCENT AD VALOREM). EXCLUDED FROM THIS SPECIAL RATE OF DUTY ARE SUCH ITEMS AS POWER TAKE-OFF UNITS, HYDRAULIC LIFTING MECHANISMS AND PUMPS, SPARK PLUGS, SPRINGS, TIRES, TEXTILE FABRICS CUT TO SHAPE, WINDSHIELDS, WINDOWS AND PARTITIONS. WHILE THIS IS NOT A DOMESTIC CONTENT REQUIREMENT, IT GIVES PREFERENCE TO LOCAL INDUSTRY. UNTIL RECENTLY, IMPORTS OF SPARK PLUGS, SPRINGS AND TIRES WERE SUBJECT TO QUOTA RESTRICTIONS IN ADDITION TO BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE SPECIAL DUTY RATE. IMPORTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES ARE RESTRICTED TO REGISTERED PERSONS UNDER LICENCE FROM THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRY.

2. UNDER TERMS OF ANGLO/IRISH TRADE AGREEMENT AND EC ENTRY, IRISH ASSEMBLY IS AFFORDED SPECIAL PROTECTION UNTIL 1985. FOR VARIOUS REASONS THIS HAS NOT WORKED AND PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT LOCAL ASSEMBLY IS ON ITS WAY OUT. WITH ONE EXCEPTION, THE PRINCIPAL ASSEMBLERS ARE IN TROUBLE, AND THEY ARE MAKING
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EFFORTS TO FIND ALTERNATIVES TO ASSEMBLY (I.E. MANUFACTURE

OF PARTS, ETC.).

3. IMPORT REGULATIONS AND DUTIES ARE BEING BOUGHT INTO LINE
WITH THOSE OF THE EC.
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